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SUBJ: MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS

1. IN NOTE DATED DECEMBER 29, 1975, IRAQI MFA REQUESTED THAT USINT ISSUE MULTIPLE-ENTRY, SIX-MONTH VISA TO MR. ABDUL FATTAH ZALAT, WHO HEAD OF BUREAU FOR LEGAL AFFAIRS, REV. COMM. COUNCIL, WHO PROCEEDING U.S. ON VISIT. AS DEPT. AWARE, CURRENT SCHEDULE FOR RECIPROCITY PRECLUDES ISSUANCE OF MULTIPLE-ENTRY VISAS (EXCEPT C AND G) TO IRAQI NATIONALS. ZALAT WAS GIVEN B-2 DIPLOMATIC VISA VALID FOR THREE MONTHS AND TWO ENTRIES.

2. IF DEPARTMENT AGREEABLE, HOWEVER, WE WOULD LIKE TO FOLLOW UP ON IRAQI REQUEST BY SUGGESTING TO GOI THAT ON BASIS RECIPROCITY, MULTIPLE-ENTRY VISAS BE ISSUED TO BEARERS OF DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS. THIS WOULD REQUIRE AN AMENDMENT TO FAM 9, APPENDIX C (IRAQ).

3. WE FEEL SUCH A MOVE WOULD BE ADVANTAGEOUS FOR TWO REASONS:

A) IT WOULD ELIMINATE REQUIREMENT THAT USINT STAFF SECURE DIPLOMATIC EXIT/REENTRY VISAS EACH TIME TRIP OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY IS MADE.

THIS CURRENTLY INVOLVES SUBMITTING PASSPORTS TO MFA UNDER COVER OF NOTE, AFTER WHICH VISAS ARE OBTAINED AFTER AVERAGE DELAY OF ONE WEEK. AS FAR AS WE AWARE, USINT IS ONLY MISSION IN BAGHDAD WHOSE DIPLOMATIC STAFF ARE NOT GRANTED MULTIPLE-ENTRY VISAS;

B) IT WOULD BE OPPORTUNITY MAKE POSITIVE GESTURE TOWARD GOI WITH MINIMUM OF COST TO USG.

4. APPROVAL TO RAISE THIS SUBJECT WITH GOI REQUESTED.

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